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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Purchase of 2023 2000BXL-26-5 Tucker Terra Sno Cat** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Trinity Public Utilities District**, located at 26 Ponderosa Lane, PO Box 1216, Weaverville, CA 96093.

The funding would be used for Acquisition of a 2023 2000 BXL-26-5 Tucker Terra Sno-Cat snow vehicle.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the acquisition of the Tucker Terra Sno-Cat snow vehicle will enhance the ability of the Trinity PUD crews to respond to winter snow emergencies and more quickly restore power during outages that occur during these winter storms. The most recent storm began on March 9, 2023 and brought more than 36 inches of snow, resulting in a system-wide power outage for more than 94% of TPUD customers. Some TPUD communities are more than a two-hour drive from the TPUD equipment yard in Weaverville. This snow vehicle is an essential acquisition to support our crew efforts to restore power during outages and protect the health and safety of our citizens during severe weather events which are occurring with greater frequency in our area of the State.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jared Huffman

Member of Congress